

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 5, 6, 7 and 9 as follows:

5. (Amended) The fiber array according to claim 1, wherein the end face of the fiber is flush with the end face of the fiber array or protrudes therefrom.

6. (Amended) The fiber array according to claim 3, wherein the end face of the peripheral adhesive B is recessed at most 10 μm from the end face of the fiber array.

7. (Amended) The fiber array according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral adhesive B has a Young's modulus of at least 0.03GPa.

9. (Amended) An optical device that is connected/fixed to a fiber array according to claim 1.